

Abstract of the Disclosure

The invention provides a method and system for dynamic downloading of hypertext electronic mail messages. The system includes a mail server for receiving electronic mail messages and their headers, and a mail client for downloading electronic mail messages and their headers from the mail receiver and presenting downloaded electronic mail messages and headers to an operator. The mail client dynamically downloads and presents electronic mail messages responsive to interactive instructions from an operator, preloads and stores electronic mail messages for subsequent presentation to the operator, and organizes electronic mail messages in hypertext sections for selection by and presentation to the operator. The mail server and the mail client cooperate dynamically and interactively to download, so as to present to the operator, electronic mail messages, or portions thereof, linked by hypertext links and possibly including data, audiovisual material, included programs, security features, or other features in addition to text.